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January PATH Newsletter

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January, 30 2014

Dear Holly,

The final numbers are in. Our 2013 Imaginary Feast campaign raised over \$405,000! Thanks to our sponsors City National Bank and the Friars Charitable Foundation, 100% of these funds will be going directly toward helping our clients move into permanent housing.

Now 2014 is here, and we are already getting started. Big things are on the horizon this year as PATH celebrates our 30th birthday. Read on to hear about what we accomplished last year and find out what is on the way.



Sincerely,

Joel John Roberts
CEO
PATH

Connections Housing: A Year in Review

building.

This March, Connections Housing in Downtown San Diego will celebrate its one-year anniversary. In less than a year, the project has already had an overwhelming impact on Downtown San Diego's homeless population. Connections Housing has **decreased street homelessness by more than 70%** within the quarter-mile radius surrounding the

In addition to permanent homes, Connections Housing provided **11,000 service appointments** in the PATH Depot, helped **110 homeless Veterans find jobs**, provided **4,000 medical and mental health visits** through Family Health Centers of San Diego, and provided more than **55,000 meals** through our partnerships with Urban Angles and Alpha Project.



If you missed our recent news coverage on CBS 8 in San Diego, [watch the video here](#).

Veteran Connections

William, a U.S. Navy Veteran, became homeless in 2007 after the passing of his wife. Thanks to PATH's HUD-VASH program, an important piece of our Veteran Connections initiative, he now has a permanent place to call home. We are proud to announce that this unique private/public partnership with the VA and Housing Authority has been renewed for another year. Since Jan 2013 more than 1,090 Veterans have been enrolled in the program.



William received furniture for his new apartment from As One Charity.

PATH Ventures



Alvie and his new glasses, courtesy of Los Feliz Lions Club.



Diego Binatena, 17, with Colin Bogart from the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition.

Free Eye Glasses From Lions Club

PATH Ventures' La Kretz Villas has established a partnership with the Los Feliz Lions Club, whose mission is to address blindness and sight issues. The Lions Club generously provides clients with certificates for the VSP Mobile Eyes program, which provides free eye exams and eyeglasses to low-income individuals. To date, four residents have received free eye glasses, with more to come.

Eagle Scout Donates Bicycles

Diego Binatena, a 17-year-old Eagle Scout from Playa del Rey, collaborated with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) to donate 10 electric pedal-assist bicycles to PATH Ventures' La Kretz Villas. Binatena, a national-level competitive racing cyclist, created "Cycle Forward BIKESHARE," a project to help homeless men and women get around independently to jobs, interviews, classes, and medical appointments.

Making it Home

Congratulations to Scott, Natalie, and George! They, and 2,452 others, made it home.



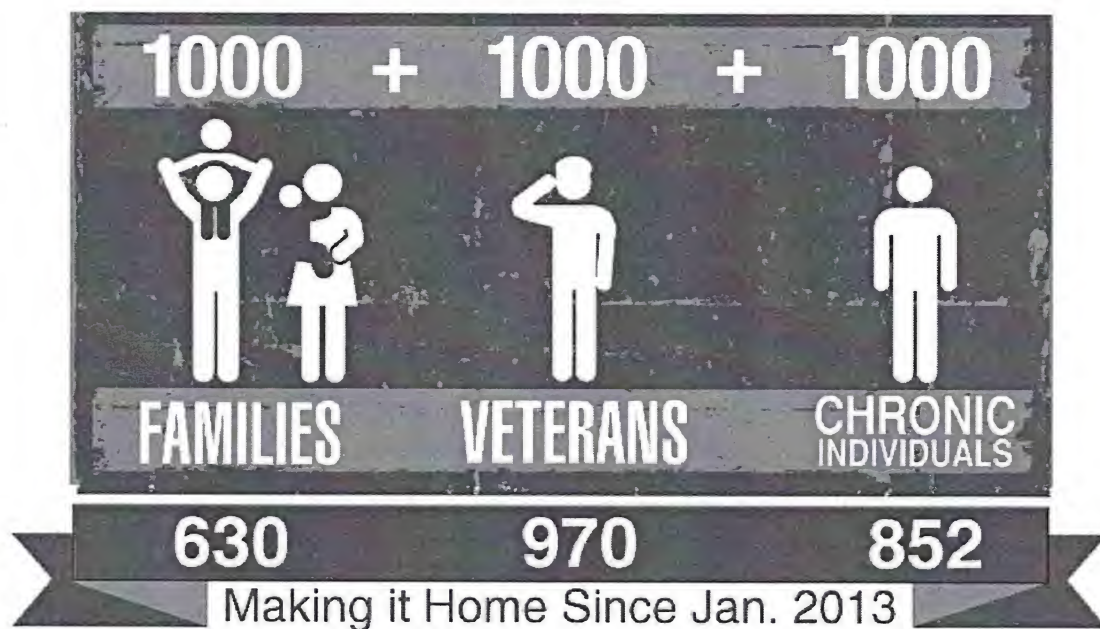
Scott made it home after being homeless in Venice for over two years.



Natalie moved into Connections Housing after being homeless for five years in Downtown San Diego.



George moved into La Kretz Villas after being homeless in Hollywood for over two years.



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- Get involved with Petco Place to help homeless pets and their owners. [Learn More](#)
- Other ways to Volunteer with PATH. [Learn More](#)

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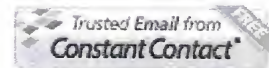
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